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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Milpitas – US Cyber Firm FireEye Says It Was Breached by Nation-State Hackers

(U) California-based cybersecurity firm FireEye Inc. was hacked in what it said was a highly sophisticated foreign-government attack that compromised its software tools used to test the defenses of its customers. The company said the attacker also accessed some internal systems and primarily sought information about government clients. FireEye said it has seen no evidence so far that data belonging to its customers had been compromised from the primary systems used to store it. A person familiar with the matter said Russia is currently seen by investigators as the most likely culprit but stressed that the investigation was continuing.

SOURCE: 8 December 2020, [Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) Palmdale – 158 Arrests at Palmdale Party, LASD Seeks to Target “Superspreader” Events

(U) In announcing the arrest of nearly 160 people at a “massive underground party” in Palmdale over the weekend, Sheriff Alex Villanueva asked LA County officials to support his department’s efforts to stop “superspreader” events instead of focusing on restrictions on businesses. Villanueva said a 17-year-old put together a party in Palmdale. Organizers broke into a vacant house and used a U-Haul truck to bring their equipment. Investigators learned about the event and responded to the location, where they ended up arresting 158 people, including 35 minors. Officers recovered six firearms that night and three more the next day, Villanueva said. They also rescued a 17-year-old victim of sex trafficking.

SOURCE: 8 December 2020, [KTLA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – CBP Seizes \$1.2M Worth of Methamphetamine in Calexico

(U) Calexico – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Calexico West Port of Entry located 430 pounds of methamphetamine in a vehicle, media reported yesterday. CBP officers referred the vehicle and a driver, a US citizen, to secondary inspection where an x-ray imaging system operator observed anomalies in the vehicle. During further inspection, CBP officers removed 23 packages weighing approximately 430 pounds from the vehicle's floor and spare tire. The narcotics have an estimated value of \$1.2 million. CBP officers seized the narcotics and the vehicle. The driver was arrested and turned over to special agents with Homeland Security Investigations for further disposition.

SOURCE: 8 December 2020, [KYMA](#)

(U) Puerto Rico – CBP Interdicts 888 Pounds of Cocaine During Two Separate Incidents

(U) Cabo Rojo – US CBP Air and Marine Operations agents interdicted 888 pounds of cocaine during two separate incidents Monday night that occurred near Cabo Rojo and near Fajardo. Two US citizens, two from the Dominican Republic, and one Colombian were arrested. The estimated value of the seized narcotics is \$10.8 million.

SOURCE: 8 December 2020, [Dominican Today](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Imposes Terrorism-Related Sanctions on Two Individuals, One University for Support of Iranian Quds Force Operations

(U) Washington – The United States imposed terrorism-related sanctions on an Iranian official in Yemen, Iran's Al-Mustafa International University, and an Iran-based Pakistani citizen, the US Department of the Treasury said yesterday. In a statement confirming an earlier media report, the Treasury described one individual as an official of Iran's elite Quds Force, the overseas arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps, and the university as a platform for Quds Force operations and recruitment abroad. It said the second individual supported Quds Force efforts to carry out operations in the Middle East and United States.

SOURCE: 8 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Virginia – CISA Issues Advisory After Researchers Identify Vulnerability in Software Used by Millions of Smart Devices

(U) Arlington – Researchers at cybersecurity firm Forescout Technologies say they have identified vulnerabilities in software widely used by millions of connected devices that could be exploited by hackers to penetrate business and home computer networks and disrupt them. There is no evidence of any intrusions that made use of these vulnerabilities, but their existence in data-communications software central to internet-connected devices prompted the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to flag the issue in a bulletin. Potentially affected devices from an estimated 150 manufacturers range from networked thermometers to “smart” plugs and printers to office routers and healthcare appliances to components of industrial control systems.

SOURCE: 8 December 2020, [AP](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Australian Authorities Arrest 18-Year-Old for Allegedly Expressing Support for Committing Mass Casualty Attack

(U) Albury – Australian police arrested an 18-year man today, who had allegedly expressed interest in committing a mass casualty attack, motivated by right-wing ideology. “The male we've arrested has an extremely right-wing ideology and is focused on neo-Nazi, white supremacist, and anti-Semitic material,” a senior Australian Federal Police official told reporters in Sydney. Authorities said they observed an escalation in subject's tone which went to a support of a mass casualty event, and potentially his involvement in that event. Police said they expect to file charges on Wednesday against the unidentified man from Albury.

SOURCE: 9 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iraq – Iraqi Security Forces Arrest Senior ISIS Leader, Perpetrators Of 2014 Speicher Massacre

(U) Anbar Governorate – A spokesman for the Iraqi Armed Forces announced the arrest of a group of Islamic State (ISIS) militants, including two of the perpetrators of the 2014 Speicher Massacre, in Anbar Governorate. One of the ISIS members was a senior leader in the governance of ISIS in Iraq. The arrests occurred after “intense monitoring and a joint high-level intelligence effort.” The spokesman also said the Counter-Terrorism Service arrested three other ISIS members in Fallujah district.

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